

# Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center

1600 N. 25 E. Chesterton, Indiana 46304 • (219) 926-1390

January Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST Daily  
Closed Monday, January 1

All public programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. However, children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

Schools and special groups must reserve programs separately. Contact the Nature Center for more details

## PARK CONTACTS:

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## Saturday, January 6

**9:30am Attracting Your Own-** Discover the joys and entertainment you'll have when you learn the tips and tricks for setting up a backyard feeding station during this 30 min. program at the wildlife observation window. Nature Center. MM

**3pm Scales & Tales-** Get a close look at some of our most common reptiles during this 30 min. program in the nature center auditorium. MM

## Sunday, January 7

**9:30am Going to the Birds-** Help the naturalist feed the animals that visit the wildlife observation window and see who comes. 30 min. activity. MM

**1pm One man's Trash –** Help the naturalist recycle his garbage as you make a real bird feeder you can take home that finches love! 30 min. activity. MM

## Saturday, January 13

**10am Winter Reflections-** See the majesty of a Duneland winter during this 30 min. program and slide show in the nature center auditorium. DG

**1pm Winter Survival-** Find the similarities and differences between us and wild animals during this 30 min. program in the nature center. DG

## Sunday, January 14

**10am Stories on the Ground-** See how many stories you can piece together during this 30 min. short hike from the nature center. DG

**1pm Shelf Ice Spotlight-** Experience the intricate architecture and hidden dangers of the winter during this 30 min. program and slide show in the nature center auditorium. DG

Saturday, January 20

**9:30am Early Bird Stroll-** Join a naturalist at the nature center for an easy 30 min. walk to find some winter birds. MM

**3pm Singing Sands-** Explore the park and the unique story behind it during this 30 min. program and slide show in the nature center auditorium. MM

Sunday, January 21

**Nature Video Day-** Stop by the front desk and choose from more than 40 videos to watch on the big screen in our cozy auditorium.

Saturday, January 27

**10am Going to the Birds-** Help a naturalist feed the animals that visit the wildlife observation window and wait to see who comes. 30 min. activity. MM

**1pm Cross Country Skiing-** Break out your skis and join the naturalist for a 90 min. winterland tour on our groomed cross country ski trail. If no snow, we'll hike it. Nature Center. DG

Sunday, January 28

**10am Aliens of the Deep-** Lay your eyes on some of the strangest looking animals in Lake Michigan and hear their stories during this 30 min. program in the nature center auditorium. DG

**1pm There's Food in My Dirt!-** Get the low-down on starting your own compost pile and see the many ways you can use it! 30 min. program. Nature Center. DG

**Reserve a special hike or program for your group!**

Naturalists have been helping visitors get the most from their duneland adventures since 1931. Separate from public programming, the interpretive naturalist service of the park remains available today, revealing the secrets of the dunes to school, church, company, and scout groups year round with a variety of tailored programs and hikes. For a \$1.00 per person fee, reservations can be made from 6 months to two weeks in advance. Call the Nature Center and schedule your group's adventure today! (219) 926-1390

**Find These Programs and others at Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs On-line at**  
**[www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)**

**Make a campsite or shelter reservation at**  
1-866-622-6746 or  
on-line at **[www.CAMP.IN.gov](http://www.CAMP.IN.gov)**